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Drastic Revisions Expected In U.S. Intelligence Agency

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WASHINGTON — In the wash of the Cuban fiasco, the Central Intelligence Agency is undergoing some rather drastic revisions.

Both its personnel and its operations will be closely scrutinized. That changes will be made is as certain as that night follows day. A committee consisting of Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, CIA Director Allen W. Dulles and Adm. Arleigh A. Burke has been appointed by President Kennedy to look into our "paramilitary" operations. Paramilitary is a high-class word for covert insurrections, invasions and the like.

The high-powered committee is not likely to let things stand, particularly in view of the blame now being put upon CIA for its asserted failures in the Cuban effort. The CIA denies that its intelligence was at fault, but other agencies of the government are accusing it of gross miscalculations. The Taylor mission is to discover who is right in the controversy and to suggest remedial action.

The most likely result of the high-level inquiry will be to separate the intelligence and the

operational functions of CIA. The agency presently is involved in both gathering information and in various subversive and secret operations designed to bring about situations more to our liking than the ones which exist.

The trouble with the present setup, according to political theorists, is that the evaluators should not be actively engaged in operations, for the latter is bound to color their thinking about the former.

There have for some time been murmurs against the CIA. It operates completely independently, no one knows how much money it spends, and it is unsupervised by anyone save the president. Demands for a congressional watchdog committee have been uttered, but CIA has successfully resisted the pressure for some form of supervision. Whether it can do so in light of the Cuban affair remains to be seen.

The feeling around here is that Dulles, brother of former Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, will be retired. He was slated for retirement in the not too distant future and it is believed that the Cuban defeat may hasten his departure.

It had been supposed that when Dulles left, he would be succeeded by Richard M. Bissell Jr., a former Massachusetts Institute of Technology professor with wide governmental experience and some years of service in the CIA. As Bissell, however, was in charge of the agency's espionage and covert action activities and as Bissell was directly in charge of the Cuban invasion, it is almost inconceivable that he would be elevated to the Dulles post.

Running strong in the speculation for the top CIA job are General Taylor and Bobby Kennedy, but both names may be the result of mere Washington cocktail party chatter.

One of the difficulties of outsiders trying to assess CIA can be illustrated by the words of Allen Dulles.

"We can," he once said, "talk about the failures of CIA, but we cannot mention our successes."

According to CIA officials, they have had plenty of successes, but to mention them would be to vitiate what they have accomplished. So they must keep their mouths shut.

The U2 incident of last May was a somewhat bungled affair, but for the previous three or four years the U2 overflights had been a brilliant success—and they had been created and managed by the very men who are now taking the heat for the Cuban failure.